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New Optimism About Resumption Of Truce Talks

Munsan, Oct. 19.

A United Nations Command compromise offer today (Friday) touched off optimistic expectation that the stalled Kaesong cease-fire talks would get underway again soon.

It was expected at the Allied camp that the Communists would accept the United Nations plan advanced on Thursday — probably with minor face-saving revisions.

The Communist reply will probably be presented at the ninth meeting of the liaison officers scheduled for 10 a.m. today at Pan Mun Jom.

The compromise plan "ment" had been reached with down the size of the security Red zone — where no hostile acts are permissible — from a radius of five to a radius of three miles around the Red tree headquarters at Kaesong. It increases the neutral zone around the Allied base at Munsan from a 3,000-yard radius to three miles.

This means that a security area of about 28 square miles would ring both Munsan and Kaesong if the plan were accepted. The Reds have been holding out for 56 square miles around each town.

Observers felt the Communists would accept a compromise but would insist on an attack-free corridor, three miles wide along a 22 miles stretch of the highway between Munsan and Kaesong. There was expectation that the United Nations would accept this.

A SORE POINT

The highway is through Pan Mun Jom, which both sides have tentatively agreed should have a 1,000-yard radius security zone.

The size of the security zone was a sore point with both sides until Thursday's meeting produced the compromise Allied offer.

General Matthew B. Ridgway's Headquarters felt that a large and unwieldy security zone only offered greater chances for neutrality violations. He sought to trim them down to 3,000 yards radius.

The Reds insisted that a big neutral area be maintained at Kaesong and a like zone be drawn around Munsan with a wide attack-free corridor drawn in a rectangular block along the highway between the two camps.

After Thursday's meeting, the senior UN liaison officer reported that "substantial agree-

Rain Of Fish From Sky

Salonika, Oct. 18.
Experts have left here for the village of Alona in the Florina area of the Greek-Yugoslav border to investigate peasant's stories of thousands of fish raining from the sky 60 miles from the sea.

Excited peasants near Alona say that 20 acres of land were covered with sardines and other small fish after the "supernatural" storm. —Reuter.

Request For "Missing" Woman

London, Oct. 18.—

Britain has asked the Soviet Union to take urgent steps to obtain the release of Russian-born Irene Ricketts, 29, who is the wife of a British subject.

A Foreign Office spokesman said here today that Mrs Ricketts was missing since October 16 from the British Embassy in Moscow where she worked as a teleprinter operator.

She had disappeared in a taxi after going to the Bolshoi Theatre with a friend. The friend was "forcibly" restrained from entering the taxi by two or three men who drove off with Mrs Ricketts.

Mrs Ricketts was one of 40 Russian girls who married Britons in Moscow during the war. Twenty-five of them were all allowed to join their husbands before the Russians made it illegal for Soviet citizens to marry foreigners. Five of the 15 others later obtained divorces in Russian courts. —Reuter.

WITH HER MOTHER

Moscow, Oct. 18.—

Mrs Irene Ricketts, Soviet-born wife of a Londoner, told Reuters today: "It is untrue I

have disappeared."

She said: "It is untrue I have disappeared." She claimed that she had told the British Embassy that she was not returning to her employment there as a typist. —Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Time For Reflection

Egypt's challenge to the authority and presence of British forces in the Suez Canal Zone has, for the moment, been incisively met and repulsed. Mr Morrison has categorically declared that Britain will not surrender her military rights in the Zone under the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty until Egypt agrees to a new defence pact embracing the Middle East. His policy statement has been given substance by the successful resistance by British forces stationed in the Zone to hostile intervention on the part of Egyptian troops. Moreover British reinforcements have been and are being despatched to the Suez Canal, while the British Navy announces redisposition of part of the Mediterranean fleet to deal with any situation which may arise. Britain could do no less in the light of the intimidating and inimical acts of the Egyptian Government during the past fortnight. The continued presence of British forces in the Canal Zone is morally and legally unassailable. They are there according to the terms of an agreement mutually reached in 1936. That Egypt, for no clearly stated reason, decides unilaterally to denounce that treaty and to refuse any longer to recognise its provisions cannot alter the legality of the contract nor deprive Britain of the rights and privileges conferred by the pact. Britain's insistence that the obligations of the treaty must remain effective until an alternative agreement by negotiation is reached is supported by the United States. Mr Dean Acheson has said that the validity of Egypt's unilateral abrogation of the treaty cannot be recognised or accepted. Future developments must rest with Egypt. Abrogation of the 1936 pact and the proclaiming of King Farouk as King of the Sudan are, in themselves, empty gestures. They cannot be implemented

ALL IS QUIET AGAIN IN SUEZ CANAL ZONE

Fayid, Canal Zone, Oct. 18.

The Ferdinand Bridge was still in the hands of the British tonight. All was quiet in this area as the Army ordered Egyptian forces not to bring troops into the Suez Canal Zone and to allow only the passage of Egyptian troops in transit to the Canal, a British military spokesman said.

He added that the Egyptians would have to give the British 24 hours' notice about passage of troops across the waterway. The Egyptian Army Command in the Suez Canal Zone agreed and asked whether Egyptian troops in the area could proceed to Cairo on land.

The spokesman said British forces guarded all approaches to the Canal Zone and the situation was "absolutely quiet." He said British troops were searching trains and vehicles and passengers arriving in the area, and the Egyptian ferry service across the waterway had been suspended. He added that the Egyptians had attempted to obstruct the arrival of military equipment at Port Said and the Suez Customs House, which refused to issue or receive British stores.

"However, that seems to be clearing up," he continued. He said troops of the 16th Parachute Brigade were continuing to arrive in the Canal Zone from Cyprus and he added: "We are not seeking trouble with the Egyptians, but should trouble come we will deal with it firmly. We must protect ourselves and our families."

It was disclosed that Sir George Erskine, British commanding officer in Egypt, told his troops: "We won't be forced out or kicked out."

Speculation increased today on the future activities of several hundred Egyptian troops stationed in the Sudan. A desirous captain, home to Khartoum despite the bloodshed north across the border. There was no outward sign of anti-British or anti-Egyptian feeling here.

The second-ranking officer in charge of Egyptian troops in the Sudan told newsmen he would "obey orders" regarding disposition of the Egyptian garrison and vicinity of east artillery in the region. His chief, General Bishar Basy, has been in Cairo since Egypt proclaimed Farouk King of the Sudan on Monday.

The action was accompanied by abrogation of the Anglo-Sudan treaty of 1899. The Governor-General of Sudan, Sir Robert Howe, saw the Sudanese religious leader for 90 minutes last night, but there was no indication of the subjects covered.

The Governor of Khartoum Province, meanwhile, banned all public demonstrations until the end of the month. An official announcement denied rumors that the Sudanese police and troops would be disbanded.

Further evidence of Sudanese doubts about Egypt's offer of protection came from the National Front Party, whose secretary said he rejected the Egyptian plan as "not democratic" and not in line with his group's belief in self-determination.

C-IN-C APOLOGISES

The Egyptian Minister of the Interior, Faiz Serag el Din Pasha, tonight said that British military forces evacuated Ismailia town at 6 p.m. local time.

They only remained in Chambon Square and an Egyptian girls school which they had transformed into an armed camp, he said.

The Minister denied that the Egyptian Commander-in-Chief had apologized to the British Commander on the Ferdinand bridge incident.

He said that the British still occupied the bridge.

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Wives and children of British Servicemen in the Sudan and East Africa will sail as planned next Wednesday in spite of the Egyptian crisis.

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Election Prospects

Socialists' Confidence Returning

London, Oct. 18.

An unexpected wave of confidence suddenly rippled through the Labour movement today as Britain's general election campaign entered its last week.

Some factors contributing to Labour's sudden cheerfulness are these:

1.—They believe that their election campaign is paying big dividends by arousing at least a vague suspicion among electors that the chances of war will be less under a Labour than a Conservative government.

2.—The strangely quiet mood of the public is now defined not as apathy—which Labour at first feared—but as "thoughtfulness."

3.—More and more Socialists are becoming convinced that the public opinion polls, though accurate before, will this time be proved wide off the mark in gauging popularity trends. This is because so many factors, such as the floating Liberal vote, remain apparently incalculable.

4.—They feel that the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee's marathon tour of the country, with his quiet, unostentatious speeches, has brought new respect and faith in him as the nation's leader.

TORIES BUOYANT

These views are by no means shared by Mr Winston Churchill's supporters who are buoyantly certain that the old war leader will again be Prime Minister at the end of the next week.

Tory speakers up and down the country have been concentrating on home affairs and leaving their 70-year-old leader to blast the Labour Government for its handling of Middle East affairs.

Party headquarters is convinced that the rising cost of living and the fall in value of money will alone be enough to win the election for the Conservatives.

They were unruffled today by accusations from Labour that Mr Anthony Eden, Mr Churchill's deputy, had displayed a misleading graph on television the other night showing rising living costs as almost a sheer precipice.

The Conservatives retaliated by charging that Mr Herbert Morrison, the Foreign Secretary, had cheated yesterday by announcing that his political broadcast would contain an important announcement of public policy.

His references to the Egyptian crisis contained nothing that had not already been announced, official Tory spokesman claimed. —Reuter.

JOSEPHINE BAKER BOYCOTTED

Colour Bar In Club

Cairo, Oct. 18.

The Secretary-General of the Arab League, Azzam Pasha, suggested tonight that Britain and Egypt alone should resolve the present crisis.

"By a carefully prepared psychological declaration Britain, without the help of other Powers, can pave the way for an understanding with Egypt," Azzam Pasha said.

"Britain must however realise that the Anglo-Egyptian treaty of 1936 is entirely dead and buried and cannot be revived."

He described the crisis as one of "lack of confidence and mutual trust."

Egypt wished to enter into a "treaty of alliance with Britain" but only as a completely sovereign state absolutely free from any occupation forces.

"Egypt is in the same boat as Britain and indeed the other Western Powers," Azzam Pasha declared.

"No nation can defend herself alone today. Cooperation among the Powers is essential."

The Italian Prime Minister, Alcide De Gasperi, declared tonight that Italy would be happy if an opportunity arose for her to mediate between Britain and Egypt.

He indicated that such mediation would strive to "conciliate the national aspirations of the Middle Eastern peoples with the necessity to defend our common Mediterranean civilisation."

Mr de Gasperi was winding up a Senate foreign affairs debate.

Many Senators had claimed during the debate that Britain and America lack of regard for Italy was reflected by the decision to consult countries as remote as South Africa and Australia on the setting up of a Middle Eastern command while ignoring Italy.

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Persia Won't Be Present

Abstention From UN Council Vote

United Nations,

New York, Oct. 18.

Persia will not be represented at tomorrow's Security Council meeting when a vote is expected on the amended British resolution calling for resumed Anglo-Persian talks.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Hussein Fatemi, announced today that no member of the Persian delegation would attend tomorrow's meeting.

Hussein Fatemi said that the Persian Prime Minister, Dr Mohammed Mossadegh, was going to Philadelphia on Monday as a guest of the city and was due to speak at the Independence Hall there. He was to go to Washington on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Asked by a reporter whether the election in Britain of a Conservative Government headed by Winston Churchill would have any effect on the Anglo-Persian oil dispute, Hussein Fatemi replied, "The twentieth century is not a century of individuals. Churchill coming into power would have no effect on the fate of our nation. Our nation has decided on a special course and will go ahead with its implementation." —Reuter.

Finally she said a steak "appeared," but Rico refused to stay and the party left.

Mrs Rico, reached by telephone at her Norwalk, Connecticut, home, confirmed the incident and said she would protest to the French Consul.

"This is a terrible experience," Miss Baker said. "It is a snub to my colour, to my people. It is not just something you can let drop. It is un-American. It is not fair to other Americans. I am consulting with my lawyers and I'm going to do something about it—not for Josephine Baker. I'm doing it for America." —Associated Press.

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**DEFENCE SYSTEM PLANNING**

London, Oct. 18. The Western Big Three and Turkey have discussed their plans for a new Middle East defence system with the main Moslem nations of the region—except Persia.

Exalted and touchy Egypt-leading member of the seven-nation Arab League—already has rejected the American-British-French-Turkish invitation to join the new defence organization as a full and equal member.

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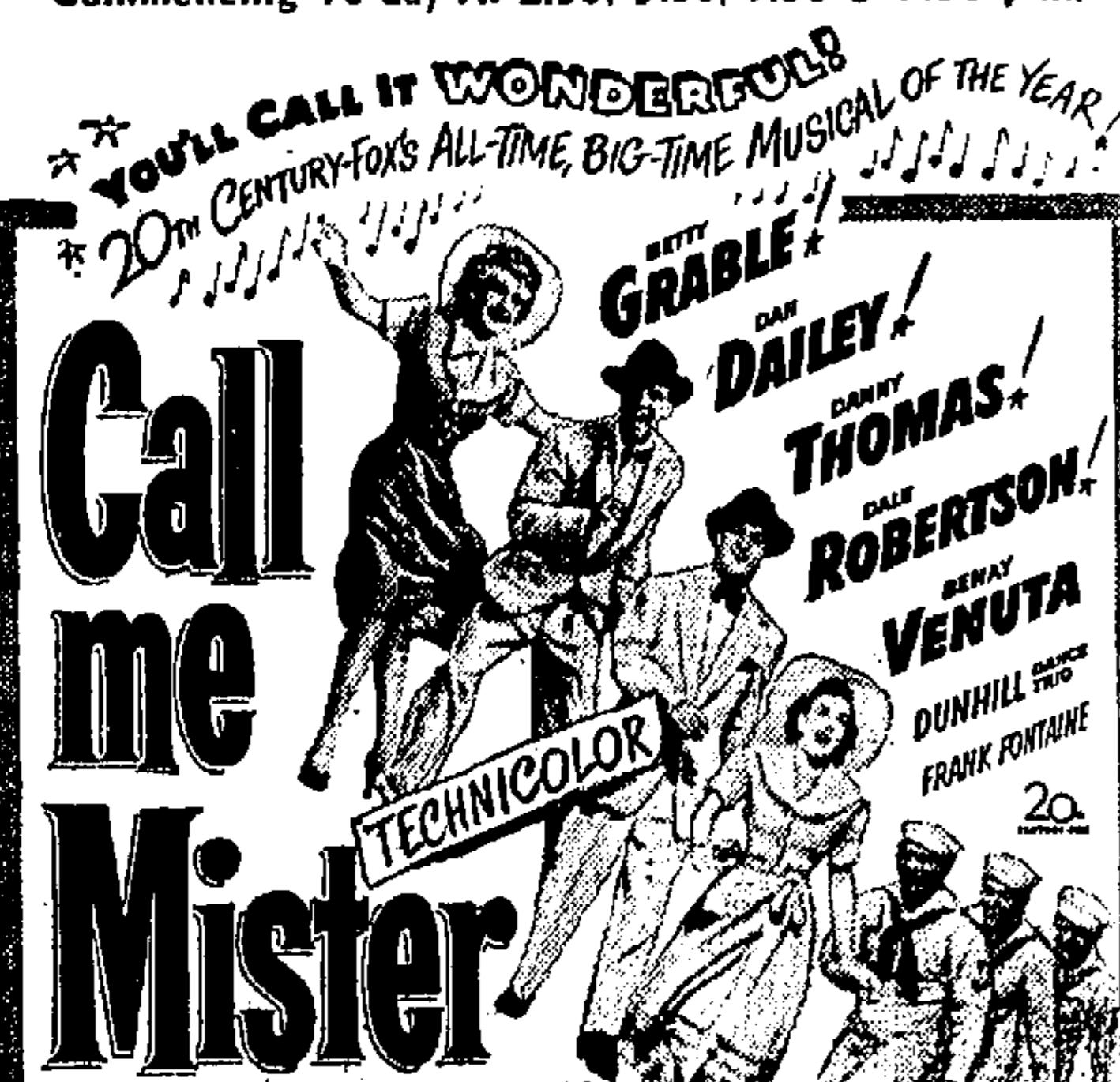
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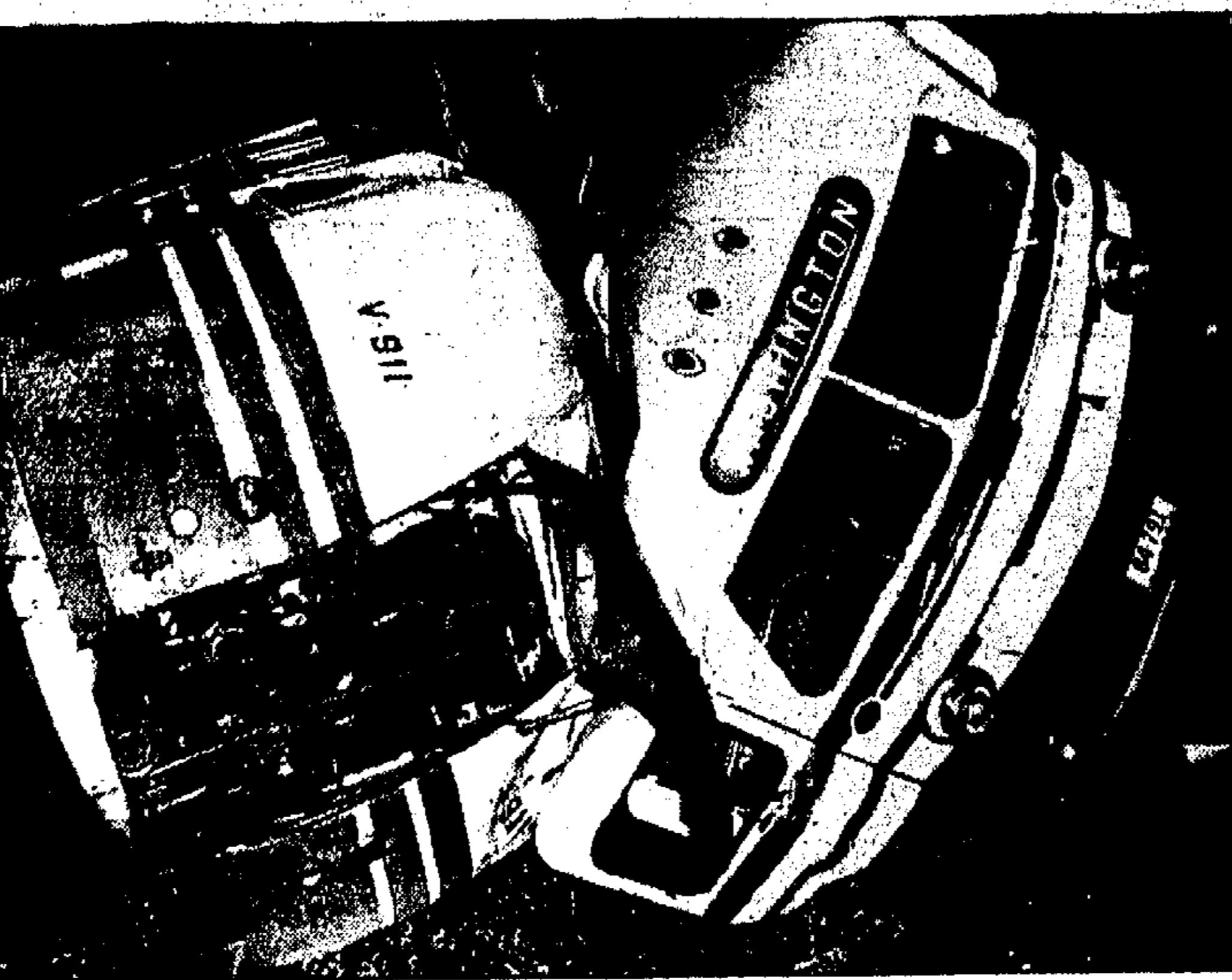
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DEFENCE SYSTEM PLANNING**Coach Split In Two By Collision With Tree**

This heavy coach wrapped itself completely around a stout oak tree after a skid on a slippery road at Gainesville, Virginia. The bus split open almost exactly in the middle when it hit the tree. Five were killed and 21 injured in the accident. — AP Picture.

New Envoy Flying To Moscow

These countries were shown the Mid-Eastern defence proposals about the same time they were sent to Cairo. None was formally invited to join, but each was given to understand it could have a place in the new set-up.

IRAQI DESIRE

The Iraqi and Jordanian Governments in particular were given the impression Britain has defence treaties with each. The Baghdad Government already has called publicly for a general alliance treaty. The Brits would like to change it in the same way as they are ready to re-write their part with Egypt—with the larger framework of a general Middle Eastern defence arrangement.

The British explain officially that Persia has not been shown the new defence proposals yet because she is not a member of the Arab League.

But informed sources said that the mix over Anglo-Iraqi was another important reason. They added that Britain would be unlikely to favour asking the Teheran Government to co-operate until the dispute is settled.—Associated Press.

Coach Split In Two By Collision With Tree**Election Battle For "Ghost Votes" In Britain**

London, Oct. 18.

Labour and Conservative campaign managers are struggling for an almost untapped reservoir of General Election "ghost votes"—the sick and infirm and the thousands of old people who are known never to leave their homes from one end of the year to the other.

In the drive to squeeze out every possible vote, canvassers are calling house by house, upon people who cannot themselves go to the polls on October 25 but who have the right to vote by post.

A doctor's certificate showing physical infirmity confers this right.

The Conservatives first grasped the possibilities of this large pool of votes in the 1950 elections and were reported to have rounded up quite considerable extra support.

This time, both parties started early in the race for the tens of thousands of sick-bed votes.

Some of Britain's toughest voters also have "ghost votes." The fighting men in Korea have been told to vote by proxy. A general order to all ranks said that there would be no voting in the field because all soldiers on the 1951 voting register were expected to have nominated someone else to vote for them.

Other British troops abroad also vote by proxy. There is no electioneering and last year an Occupation Headquarters officer in Germany remarked: "A good serviceman has a firm political viewpoint but otherwise does not care about politics."

Mechanic seamen, commercial travellers and actors away from home may also vote by post or proxy.

CARMELITE NUNS

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ATOMIC PROJECTS DEMAND

Washington, Oct. 18. Maximum expansion of America's atomic weapons programme was demanded in a resolution unanimously adopted by the joint Senate-House of Representatives Atomic Energy Committee last night.

It was sponsored by Senator McMahon (Democrat), the Committee Chairman. It requests the Atomic Energy Commission and the Defence Department to supply to the Joint Committee by next January:

1.—Estimates of the money required to "maximize" the atomic weapons' role.

2.—Extent and type of new facilities estimated to be required.

3.—Priorities in materials and manpower involved.

4.—Probable impact upon other defense projects and on the national economy.

5.—Views of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Defense Department as to the precise atomic programme that should be carried out.—Reuter.

Arrests In Colombia

Bogota, Oct. 18.

The Conservative Colombian Government newspaper El Siglo reported yesterday the arrest of four opposition Liberal Party leaders as "suspected accomplices" of "bandits" operating in the Sumapaz area.

El Siglo said that the military junta ordered the arrest because incriminating evidence had been given against them by captured "bandits."

Members of the Conservative and Liberal National Committees who last week concluded an agreement intended to end political violence in the country, announced that they will leave on Friday for the eastern plains of Llanos for an on-the-spot investigation of recent outbreaks there.

The situation in Llanos is to become serious because of frequent clashes between guerrillas and Government troops.—United Press.

NZ's Defence Budget

Auckland, Oct. 18.

Prime Minister Sidney Holland announced today a defence budget of £25,000,000, about £10,000,000 more than the previous year. In addition, £6,600,000 will be placed into an emergency war account.

Mr Holland estimated that New Zealand will spend more than £100,000,000 on rearmament in the next few years—Associated Press.

Danes Approve

Copenhagen, Oct. 18.

The Danish Lower House today approved by 103 votes to 22 the proposal that Turkey and Greece should be admitted into the Atlantic Pact.

The Government Coalition (Farmers' and Conservative Parties) and the Social Democrats voted for the proposal and the Communists, Radicals and some of the single tax party against it.

A proposal of the single tax party that the question should be submitted to a nationwide referendum was rejected as well as a Communist motion that Denmark should leave the Atlantic Pact.—Reuter.

Grassed**Speed-Up In Aid To Vietnam**

Saigon, Oct. 18.

Expanding American production will assure larger deliveries of American military aid to French Union forces in Indo-China during the coming year, Brigadier-General Francis J. Brink said today.

The chief of the United States Military Aid Advisory Group to Indo-China told a Press conference that the aid would reach Indo-China at a faster rate. The aid programme was substantial and designed to meet French Union needs in the war against the Communist-led Vietminh.

He added, however, that the programme is not adequate to counter any future Chinese Communists' invasion.

Gen. Brink and the American Minister to Indo-China, M. Donald Heath, returned yesterday from Washington where they participated in talks between American officials and General Jean de Latre de Tassigny, French Far East Commander.

Gen. Brink said that Gen. de Latre had focused attention on the Indo-China problem during his visit to Washington and specifically obtained faster delivery of a large number of military aid items.

Gen. Brink added, however, that current large deliveries in the one-year-old aid programme were planned some months ago.

NATIONAL ARMIES

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Foreign Coins Left Behind

London, Oct. 18.

People who came from abroad to see the Festival of Britain have gone home and left thousands of foreign coins in London.

Many Commonwealth silver coins, such as South African and Australian florins, are difficult to distinguish from British.

An official of the Royal Mint said: "People should try to avoid acquiring these coins. They are not negotiable in Britain."

"The Mint, of course, would allow the bullion value of silver coins offered in bulk."

"Money-changing bureaux might be able to help people who do not find they have been given foreign coins."—London Express Service.

"Ike" To Attend Alamein Reunion

Paris, Oct. 18.

General Dwight Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, will fly to London tomorrow to attend the Alamein Reunion as the guest of his deputy, Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery.

General Eisenhower accompanied by his wife will spend Saturday in London and Sunday go to Scotland for a few days' rest at Culzean Castle, which was presented to him after World War II by the National Trust of Scotland.—Reuter.

POP

CANADA TO SEND TROOPS & PLANES TO CONTINENT

Ottawa, Oct. 18.

The Defence Minister, Mr Brooke Claxton, announced in Parliament today that the Government had authorised the despatch of 12,000 Canadian troops and airmen to Europe to serve in General Eisenhower's integrated force.

The Prime Minister, Mr Louis St Laurent, said the debate on Parliamentary approval of the troops for Europe plan would open on Monday and would review not only the defence picture in Korea and Western Europe but also the general international situation.

Refugees Granted Asylum

Skeppsholm, Oct. 18. Four Poles who sought the Polish navy's help in October 9 in mid-Baltic and brought her into the Swedish naval base of Karlskrona were today granted asylum as political refugees.

The crew of the engine room of this vessel which had been away in the region, had locked her skipper, mate and cabin boy below decks and sailed for Sweden.

They said they "had to bear the political terror" in Poland.

About 50 Polish refugees have sought refuge in Sweden in the past two months.

During the evening in Sweden, the political refugees found the crew listening in to Polish language broadcasts from Britain and America.

He made an investigation during which it was disclosed that 12 men of the crew of 46 were members of the Communist Party, who were seen to spy on the others.

Several other members of the crew would have left the ship in Sweden, the two men said, but they did not believe the Swedes would give asylum to political refugees.

Festival Hall As "Surgery"

London, Oct. 18.

The Royal Festival Hall may become temporarily the world's biggest dental "surgery" in July 1952.

Experts from all over the world are to give and watch demonstrations at an international dental congress to be held there.

It is the 11th International Dental Congress, and every dentist in the United Kingdom is being invited to become an active member—London Express Service.

Mr Claxton said the following resolution would be presented to Parliament in the Prime Minister's name:

"That this House approves the continuance of Canada's participation in efforts being made through the United Nations to establish international peace and in particular to defeat aggression and restore peace in Korea, and, by the North Atlantic treaty nations, to deter aggression and promote stability and well-being in the North Atlantic area."

Unanimous approval is a foregone conclusion.

Mr Claxton said the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade would, from the time of its arrival in Europe, form part of General Eisenhower's forces and would be stationed in Germany for defence purposes.

Arrangements had been made to group the Canadian brigade with the British, Belgian and Netherlands forces.

He also disclosed that the 410 Squadron of the RCAF, equipped with F-86 Sabrejets, would move to England next week in HMCs Magnificent.

The squadron and other squadrons, which will move to England later, would be stationed at North Luffenham airfield in the Midlands pending provision of airfields and other accommodation in Western Europe.

Mr Claxton said it was probable the RCAF squadrons would be integrated with units of the United States Air Forces.

The Order-in-Council which authorised the despatch of 12,000 Canadians to Europe said the 27th Brigade had reached the proper stage of training.

It also said 11 Air Force squadrons were being progressively formed, equipped and trained to build up an air division in the integrated force.

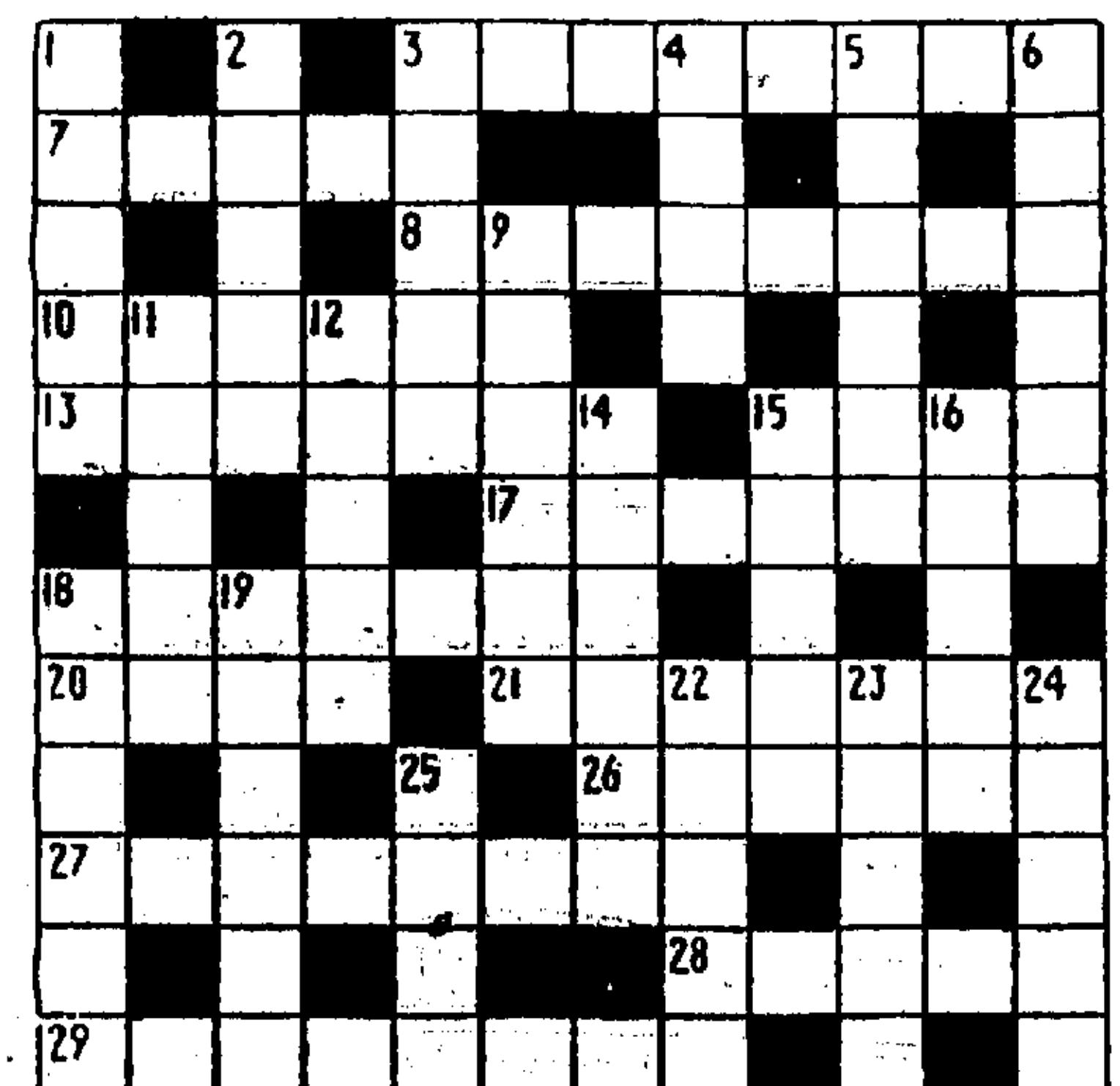
United Press.

Defence Official's Visit To Korea

Washington, Oct. 18.

Assistant Secretary of Defense Arna Rosenberg left tonight for Korea on a 10-day visit for conferences on manpower and personnel problems in the Far East. She will talk with General Matthew B. Ridgway, Supreme Commander in Tokyo, and then go on to Korea—Associated Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Become sluggish (6)
- 7 Own (5)
- 8 Summaries (8)
- 10 Stabilizer (6)
- 13 Proposition (7)
- 15 Cure (4)
- 17 Large wood (7)
- 18 Regard (7)
- 20 Tongue (4)
- 21 Rebounds (7)
- 26 Fluster (6)
- 27 Unimportant (8)
- 28 Art (5)
- 29 Came back (6)
- 30 Render indistinct (4)

DOWN

- 1 Wooden shoe (5)
- 2 Strike (5)
- 3 Guido (5)
- 4 Barbary (4)
- 5 Hosts (6)
- 6 Supports for blackboards (6)
- 7 Promote (6)
- 11 Perpendicular (5)
- 12 Black (6)
- 14 Up to date (6)
- 15 Slave (6)
- 16 Island (5)
- 18 Bird (6)
- 19 Help (6)
- 22 Imprisoned (6)
- 23 Details (6)
- 24 Parties (6)
- 25 Dots (6)
- 26 Shout (6)
- 27 Sustained (6)
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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. Across: 1 Disarm, 2 Doubt, 3 Eager, 5 Lescay, 10 Root, 11 Mimic, 12 Aces, 13 Class, 16 Series, 18 Secret, 20 Scene, 22 Leads, 24 Shout, 25 Stout, 26 Souled, 27 Refer, 28 Yield, 29 Bound. Down: 1 Dollars, 2 Suspense, 3 Team, 4 Marine, 6 Dutch, 7 Oracle, 8 Bills, 14 Ambition, 15 Subsidy, 16 Escaped, 17 Return, 19 Ensure, 21 Game, 22 Tutton.

Swami's Election Manifesto—Homes For Aged Cows



Swami Karpatriji, founder of the Ram Rajya Party of India, opens his election campaign with a Press conference in New Delhi at which he demanded a ban on the slaughter of cattle and proposed homes for aged and decrepit cows. The Party, most conservative of those taking part in the coming general election, has a huge following among the Hindus of the country, to whom the cow is a sacred animal. — AP Picture.

Nehru Vs. The Rest In Indian Election

New Delhi, Oct. 18.

The election battle in India is simplifying into a contest of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru versus The Rest. Although he has always been a predominant figure in Congress since his assumption of the party presidency, Pandit Nehru has become paramount.

Indians in general tend to be more susceptible to personalities than to propaganda and this tendency will be accentuated by the elections.

Ideologically, Congress differs little from some of the Opposition parties so that personalities will be increasingly important.

In view of this, most Congress leaders will readily admit that Pandit Nehru is today the party's greatest single asset.

With him or their side, Congress is almost certain of an easy victory at the polls. With Pandit Nehru neutral, or in another party, almost anything might happen.

For with Gandhi and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel off the stage, the 62-year-old Prime Minister, white-haired, yet youthful and erect, remains the only giant of the struggle for independence.

He is the only man in India who, whenever and wherever he speaks, can immediately draw a crowd of 100,000.

His portrait figures in school books among the national heroes. Leaders of religious minorities, such as the Moslems and Christians, advise their followers to cling to Congress largely because of Pandit Nehru's personality and his firm stand against any kind of communalism or intolerance.

FULLY TRUSTED He is capable—and he is fully conscious of this—of inspiring absolute trust in the most heterogeneous crowds and in the most recalcitrant individuals.

Popular enthusiasm is manifest and spontaneous. When a microphone failed from addressing public meeting at Darbhanga in North Bihar earlier this year, a disappointed and infuriated crowd smashed the seating and wrecked the platform.

He has a fund of good humour, particularly noticeable in his dealings with Parliament and the Press, and only occasionally marred by a certain testiness or peevishness when he is crossed on a matter in which he feels certain he is right.

In a self-questioning mood, on the other hand, he becomes deeply self-critical, so that many of his speeches become soliloquies rather than statements, discursive rather than dogmatic.

Perhaps his greatest quality is a courage and directness which cuts through all red tape.

Typical of this was an incident at the flag-hoisting ceremony on Independence Day this year, when a hitch in arrangements caused a crowd to start flowing down the narrow steps from the ramparts of New Delhi's Red Fort, blocking the Prime Minister's way.

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Defence Plans By Spain And Portugal

Madrid, Oct. 18.

Portugal's Navy Minister, Commander Americo Tomas, arrived today at El Ferrol, Spain's most important naval base, for what was described as a private visit.

He will spend several days visiting principal naval establishments in the area, which is strategically important for the naval defence of the Iberian peninsula.

Observers here consider the visit important because Spain and Portugal are trying so far as possible to co-ordinate their defence measures.—Reuter.

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THREE FACTORS Apart from the personality of Pandit Nehru, three main factors will play an important part in helping Congress to victory at the polls:

1—Its widespread organisation throughout almost every village of India, dating back to pre-independence days, and with which no other party can compete.

2—The carry-over of its prestige as the leading national movement in the independence flight.

3—The desire for a strong and stable government, incurred by fear of a war with Pakistan, or fear of the disrupting internal potentialities of Communism.

This last factor may influence many who grumble most loudly against Congress to vote for the Congress Party when the time comes to go to the polls.

The Congress Party programme, paradoxically enough, will be less important than many of these other considerations in influencing the vote.

CONGRESS PLATFORM This is partly because it has long been taken for granted and has at this stage nothing startlingly new to offer; and partly because only the Communist Party, to the one extreme, and the Hindu Mahasabha, to the other, have anything very different by way of a programme to suggest.

Like the programme of the Praja Party, and like that of the Socialists in its initial stages, the Congress Party programme is based on a mixed economy of private enterprise combined with central control, aiming eventually at Government management of the key industries.

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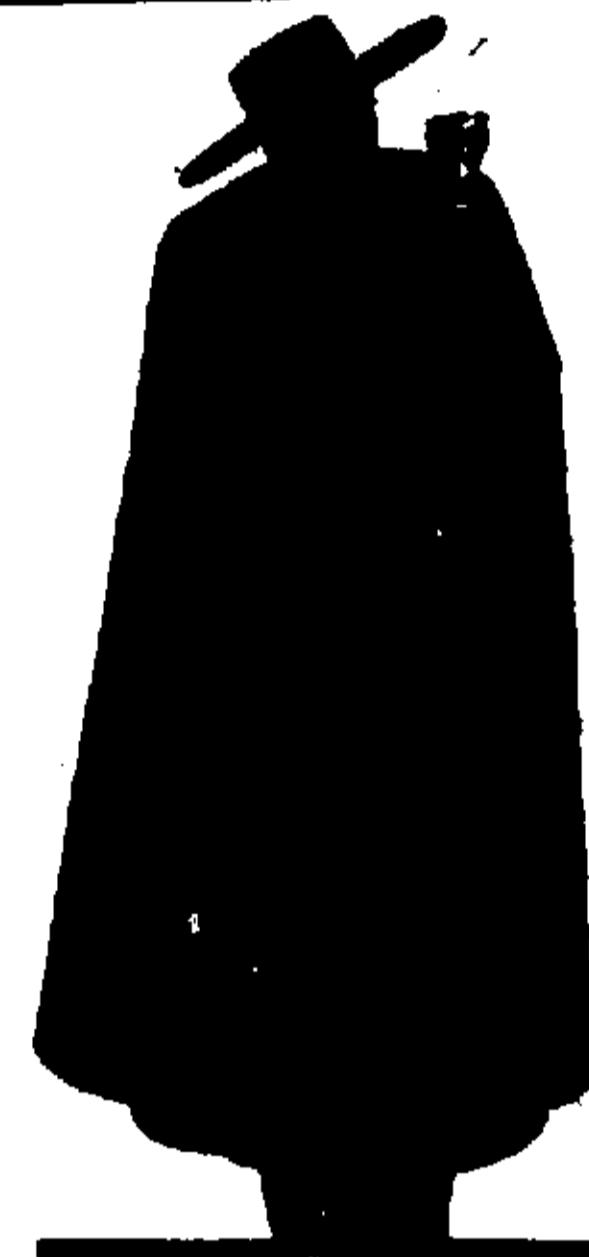


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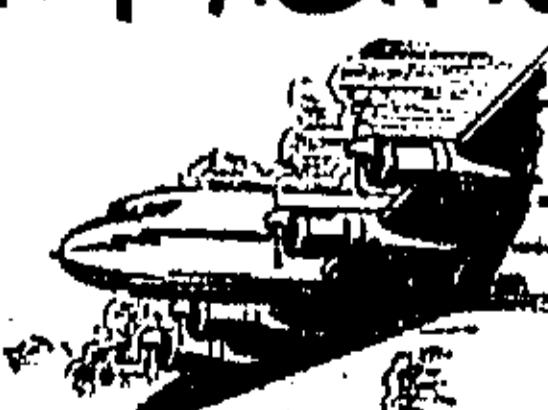
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Professor F. E. Zeuner, of London, says it's still half-wild. Professor Hans von Hentig, of Berlin, says it's super-intelligent; Dr. C. N. Winslow, of Brooklyn College, says it's wildly neurotic.

STILL THEY LIVE

What is known about them? In the first place they are probably the most hardy creatures in the world and can truthfully be said to have nine lives.

Cats have been trapped in burning brick-kilns for a day and a half and have lived. Others have survived floods, fires, earthquakes, and bombing raids.

They are probably colour blind. They cannot distinguish one musical note from another and, unlike a dog, they can't recognise differences in facial expression.

A smile or a frown is just the same to a cat. (Try it.) Nor can they see in the dark, though they can see much better than human beings in a dim or faint light.

Actually they "feel" their way about at night with their sensitive whiskers. A whiskerless cat is like a partly blind man.

DIPSOMANIACS

The recognised cat's tipple is milk, but a feline form of dipsomania has been observed among those which developed an almost insatiable taste for beer, rum, or whisky.

Unfortunately, curiosity in a cat is usually outstanding, and they can be attracted by unusual noises like clicks, scratching sounds, and the rustle of paper.

This device is used by cat thieves who start to operate in the big cities when the evenings draw in. Cat skins are used as the basis of many fur and the carcasses resemble rabbit.

On the other hand, there were the usual arguments

I WAS sure that King Victor Emmanuel and Badoglio would be able to do more for what had now become the common cause than any Italian Government formed from the exiles or opponents of the Fascist regime. The surrender of the Italian Fleet was solid proof of their authority.

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Paris Head Fantasies



RIGHT: Praline, the celebrated Paris mannequin, wearing a startling coiffure by Jean Clement. It was one of a number of new evening hair styles created by some of the famous Paris hairdressers, and this one represents the rays of the sun.



LEFT: Inspired by the popular pony-tail hairdo, Paris milliner Svend designed this gold velvet cocktail hat trimmed with a peacock's tail to simulate the genuine article.

RIGHT: The hairdo comes off with the hat. Diamond accessories are by Boucheron.

Know Your Beauty Lessons!

By HELEN FOLLETT

★ PERHAPS you may not believe it, but there are still strong-minded, unrelenting women who believe that cosmetics of all kinds are a menace to the complexion. Some rely entirely on soap and water, others won't even use that. They rinse the face with clear water in the belief that the skin is too delicate to endure anything else.

★ COSMETICS are not at all harmful to the skin if good ones are used. Creams act as preservatives, are often an insurance against wrinkles. Nature has placed a little oil gusher in every pore to exude a lubricant that keeps the cutaneous surface soft and smooth. When these gushers stop working, as often happens, a substitute must be used. Also, the skin is always casting off dead cells, producing new ones, and gentle massage with a cream will keep this process of desquamation in a normal state.

★ POWDERS protect the facial covering from the destructive effects of atmospheric dust. Creams form a barrier against the havoc of wind and sun. So cream your face every night of your life, stuff on powder before going out of doors, in case you are careless about using it when in the house.

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ing matter that comes with most toiletries. You may pick up some suggestions as to their application.

The cream you use for removing make-up should definitely be a cleansing cream; the one you use to feed your skin at night should be a heavy emollient so the underlying fibres of your skin will be stimulated and made strong. You must know your beauty lessons if you are to win out against the birthdays.

★ TOUCHING the eyelids with a bit of pigment is a thrilling experience to the girl who tries out this pulchritude trick for the first time. She may have no trouble sluffing on powder, playing with rouge, putting the rosy film upon her mouth portals. But she is not so sure about eye shadows. She realises that they can put some girls in the front row of the beauty chorus, make others take a back seat. To acquire the flattering effects for which these toiletries were compounded requires cosmetic skill.

★ THE woman with flair for dress can get away with them because she has a sophisticated appearance. The retiring little violet among the sisters had better play safe, not use them; they are not in character. There is a simple substitute: she can pass the rouge pad over her eyelids. A faint rose tint will make her eyes look brighter, will give her face a radiant lift.

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For further proof that pickles and picnics go together, not forgetting potato salad, too, try this version: Cook 7 medium-sized potatoes in boiling salted water and when done, cool, peel and cube. Add 1/4 c. diced celery, 2 lbs. finely diced onion, 2 diced hard-boiled eggs, and season to taste. Mix thoroughly 1/2 c. mayonnaise, 1/2 c. finely chopped sweet pickle relish. Combine potatoes and mayonnaise mixture, mixing gently.

For variations, diced left-over meat may be added, and any small amounts of left-over vegetables such as peas, carrots, string beans, etc., may also be added to this recipe, which is for 6 servings.

Also good picnic or appetiser fare is this tangy egg tidbit. Hard-cook eggs. Remove from shell and slice in halves. Remove yolk and mix with mayonnaise and pickle relish. Stuff the whites, and serve in wedge portions.

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By OSWALD JACOBY

In the wee hours of the morning, when all the tournament players are asleep and dreaming of grand slams, the cleaning staff gets busy on the floor of the tournament room. I wonder whether they find all the tricks that were dropped there during the day.

It's a cinch that lots of tricks get dropped even by the experts. For example, in the famous grand slam played in the national tournament of 1948 by Mrs Margaret Wager of Atlanta.

Mrs Wager's jump to four spades on the South hand usually shows a far stronger hand. Her partner, John R. Crawford of Philadelphia, thought that she had the grand slam in the bag, but declared that there would be tricks to burn at a grand slam contract. There weren't.

West opened a low trump, and Mrs Wager won in her own hand. With seven diamonds out, there was no room for the cult to provide more than three discards. That would be enough to take care of one club and two hearts—but declarer would still have a losing hand.

All this went through Mrs Wager's mind in about one second flat. Then she led the queen of hearts from her hand.

It wasn't a true finesse, of course. If West had covered with the king of hearts, South would have been right back where she started. But West had to decide on his action in a split second. He played low, hoping that declarer would not stake the grand slam on a second trick.

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Week-end Cricket

ARMY "A" WILL HAVE TO FIGHT FOR THE POINTS AGAINST RAF AND KCC

By "RECODER"

The Cricket League, its programme thrown out of gear by the visit of the Singapore Combined Services, will get into full swing this weekend with at least two needle matches down for decision.

Army's prospects will be clearer by Sunday evening when they will have completed their matches with Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday and the Royal Air Force on Sunday. Both matches will be played at Shookupoo and neither will be a pushover for Army.

With several matches played in the last three weeks, the unbeaten First Division teams are Army "A", RAF, KCC, the Scorpions and Optimists, the latter two yet to play a match.

The League seems likely to be a closer affair than it has been these past three seasons from the point of view of the also-rans being in a position to fight off defeat. Though there has been only one draw to date, a cluster of these no-decision affairs can be looked forward to.

TESTING TIME
The Army, Scorpions and Optimists' monopoly of the

points should be broken into by two contenders with as good a chance of finishing on top—KCC and RAF. Testing time for both teams comes over the week-end and, at this early stage of the season, either could be content with a draw.

Recreo's mixture of experience and youth should be a force to contend with later in the season when the team welds together.

Craigengower, who have dropped seven points in two matches, are at home to Army "B" tomorrow and it is about time now they are reinforced by White and Dhabher, that they pull together into a point-gathering unit.

Royal Navy are at home to the Scorpions, as strong a team as ever. Though the Navy bowlers may strike a good patch there is no reliable batting to back them up.

Optimists will depend on Prichard and Craig against the University batting, which might stand up to them. University look a promising side and a victory against Optimists would put enough spirit into their future efforts to make them a menace to the best.

However, Saminy Snaith is playing and has a way of taking the wickets when better men have toiled and failed before him.

THE BIG MATCHES

The two big matches, of course, are at Shookupoo. KCC, who will be there on Saturday, have the better chance of victory than RAF on Sunday and Army this year, without Ken Wilson, are not a team that can be depended upon to reach 200 runs.

The will to win will mean everything to KCC. The ability to win is certainly in the team.

For RAF on Sunday it will be largely a test of their bowling. It is considered to be better than it was last year. Sunday's result will tell.

SECOND DIVISION

KCC's collection of elders should experience no great difficulty against Dockyard in the Second Division match on their home ground tomorrow and, even at this early stage of the season, it is difficult to foresee any other team winning the Junior League.

The principal opposition later will come from Recrelo, who are away to IRC and RAF and Police, both of whom teams have byes this week.

Other Second Division matches down for decision tomorrow are University v King George V School and Diocesan Boys' School v. Royal Navy.

Mediterranean Games

Alexandria, Oct. 18.—Greece won the football final in the Mediterranean Games, beating Egypt by two goals to nil. They led 1-0 at half-time.

In the swimming events, J. Botteux, of France, won the 1,800-metres men's freestyle final in 19 mins. 52.9 secs. J. Berardo, of France, was second in 19 mins. 49.3 secs. and Gremedes, of Spain, was third in 19 mins. 59.5 secs.

In a water polo match Spain beat Greece by six goals to nil. They led 5-0 at half-time.

Reuter.

Gold Medals Are Too Expensive

Oct. 18.—The gold medals normally awarded to winners of Olympic Games events will be replaced by silver medals in the 1952 Winter Games, it was decided at the International Olympic Committee meeting in London yesterday.

Owing to the cost of the gold medals, the members of the IOC decided to make the half of the Public Welfare Fund available to ensure that the money raised at various entertainments to the Memorial Hall will ensure that the donation is effected.

By ORDER,

J. R. M. ORR.

IT'S A RICHARD VICTORY AT SWIMMING TRIALS



HKFA COUNCIL MEETING

S. China Proceeding With Plans For Construction Of Steel-Concrete Stadium
ATHENIAN LEAGUE XI TO PLAY IN HONGKONG

A contest open to the public for the best design of a Sports Stadium will be conducted shortly by the South China Athletic Association, which is definitely proceeding with plans for the construction of a steel-concrete Stadium at Caroline Hill.

This announcement was made by Mr Henry Fung, representative of the South China Athletic Association, at a Council Meeting of the Hongkong Football Association held yesterday with Mr J. Skinner in the Chair.

Mr Skinner informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Mr Stanley Greene, who was in Hongkong last season with the Hendon team, and at a meeting of the Athenian League it was unanimously decided to send a representative of the best players in the Athenian League to Hongkong.

Mr Skinner emphasised that each ground had a certain capacity and only tickets for that capacity should be issued. It was very important, he said, that Clubs did not sell tickets in excess of the seating accommodation.

Mr Skinner said that efforts were being made to arrange for the British team to come here in early April before the rainy season set in.

Mr Skinner said that the Club must or the Secretary of the Association was to be solely responsible for arrangements in connection with any ground taken over by the Association for soccer matches.

The meeting was informed that the visits of the Indian and Swedish teams would take place as arranged. A letter had been written to the Danish Football Association confirming games at Chinese New Year.

FREE PASSES

Mr A. McAlpine was elected to serve on the Interport Sub-Committee vice Mr Lee Walton, while Mr K. K. Ip was elected to take Mr Lee's place on the Emergency Sub-Committee.

A long discussion took place over the question of free passes to players for games in which visiting teams were taking part.

Mr Skinner said that at Home, players paid to play football and to have the honour of wearing the jersey of their Club in Hongkong. It seemed that players wanted some inducement to wear the jersey of their Club.

The proposal was eventually referred to the meeting after several other members had expressed their views. It was decided that in regard to League games, Clubs be permitted to hire seats for one stand and that the Clubs concerned must notify the Police as to the number of tickets sold.

It was also decided that a record of the serial numbers of tickets sold be kept as a check in case of any black market activities.

As regards Association matches, it was decided that tickets be sold in advance in respect of two stands only and that there must be no sale of any tickets for these two stands at the gate.

A very comprehensive plan drawn up by Mr R. M. Orr, Secretary of the Association, setting forth the different approaches to entrances at the Club ground at Happy Valley was shown to the meeting and approved.

On the suggestion of Mr J. C. Gulungan, a declaration was made from the Chair that the Chairman of the Grounds Committee will be invited to attend.

Scores will be awarded for the best scores in Class 1 and 2 as well as the ladies' class.

TODAY'S SPORT

TENNIS

Nov. 19.—Gibb, Champion Tennis player, will be in Hongkong on Nov. 19 and 20. He will play a double match with Mr. T. E. Baker (Chairman of the Court No. 1).

SWIMMING

Nov. 19.—Swimming Championships at Victoria Recreation Club, 4 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Nov. 19.—Football Match between the Hongkong Football Association XI and the Athenian League XI at Victoria Recreation Club, 4 p.m.

CRICKET

Nov. 19.—Cricket Match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Athenian League XI at Victoria Recreation Club, 4 p.m.

HOCKEY

Nov. 19.—Hockey Match between the Hongkong Hockey Association XI and the Athenian League XI at Victoria Recreation Club, 4 p.m.

GOLF

Nov. 19.—Golf Match between the Hongkong Golf Club and the Athenian League XI at Victoria Recreation Club, 4 p.m.

HORSE RACING

Nov. 19.—Horse Racing at Shookupoo, 4 p.m.

HANDBALL

Nov. 19.—Handball Match between the Hongkong Handball Club and the Athenian League XI at Victoria Recreation Club, 4 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Nov. 19.—Volleyball Match between the Hongkong Volleyball Club and the Athenian League XI at Victoria Recreation Club, 4 p.m.

WATER POLO

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WRESTLING

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Japanese Trade With P.I.

Manila, Oct. 18. Japan jumped into the No. 2 spot in Philippines foreign trade in the first half of 1951, the Bureau of Census and Statistics revealed.

The Philippines showed a decrease in its total unfavourable trade balance with a deficit of \$38,661,000 in the first half of this year as compared to an unfavourable trade balance of \$48,907,000 in the same period last year, the report shows.

The report revealed strong increases in the values of both exports and imports over last year's first half, and 1950 exports were \$140,776,000 compared to \$243,605,000 in the same period this year. Imports were \$204,944,000 for the first six months this year compared to \$139,743,000 last year in the same period.

While Japan's import and export trade with the Philippines was 17.18 per cent of the total compared to the United States with 67.34 per cent, it was more than twice as much as any other nation.

This trade was accomplished through the medium of an agreement with SCAP. Experts expect Japan's volume and percentage of participation in Philippines trade to jump sharply once the peace treaty signed in San Francisco in September is ratified and normal and diplomatic contact is re-established.—Associated Press.

PAKISTAN TRADE

Tokyo, Oct. 18. Jiji Press said today that the Japan-Pakistan Trade Agreement, which expired on September 3, will be extended to cover the months of October through December pending conclusion of a new pact effective as January 1, 1952.

The news agency also claimed to have learned that Japan had arranged to buy 200,000 bales of Pakistan raw cotton during the three months to be covered by the extended pact.—United Press.

EXCHANGES IN NY

	New York, Oct. 18.	US\$0.95-3/16	2.70-16/10	2.30 bid/ask
Canada (official)	2.33	2.34	2.34	2.33-2.34
England (official)	2.18	2.18	2.18	2.18-2.19
England (unofficial)	2.70/5	2.70/5	2.70/5	2.70/5-2.71/5
Australia (90-day futures)	2.18	2.18	2.18	2.18-2.19
New Zealand (pound)	2.05/5	2.05/5	2.05/5	2.05/5-2.06/5
South Africa (pound)	2.05/5	2.05/5	2.05/5	2.05/5-2.06/5
Bulgaria (franc)	1.405	1.405	1.405	1.405-1.405
France (franc)	1.405	1.405	1.405	1.405-1.405
West German	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
Deutschmark	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
Holland (guilder)	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
Iceland (króna)	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
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Portugal (escudo)	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
Spain (peseta)	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
Sweden (krone)	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
Switzerland (franc)	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
MIDDLE EAST	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
Egypt (pound)	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
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Cuba (peso)	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
Mexico (peso)	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
Peru (sol)	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
Uruguay (peso)	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
Venezuela (bolivar)	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
FAR EAST	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
India (rupee)	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
Pakistan (rupee)	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
Iran (rial)	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
Singapore	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10
Japan	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10	.00228-B/10

CHILEAN RATES

Santiago, Oct. 18. The Chilean Government is attempting to simplify its foreign exchange rates in an attempt to increase imports and exports.

The Ministry of Economics is studying plans to eliminate most of these discrepancies.—United Press.

ECAFE'S

PROPOSALS FOR EXPANDING TRADE IN ORIENT

Atlantic Freight Rate Increases

New York, Oct. 18. Freight rate increases averaging 10 per cent will go into effect next year on steamship lines operating on the Atlantic between North and South America.

A spokesman for the companies said the step was taken because of steadily rising operating costs.—Associated Press.

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) trade conference of 28 nations and colonies ended today. Delegates adopted a long list of recommendations for streamlining trade machinery and training salesmen.

The report of two conference committees declared a build-up of efficient trade personnel is a vital factor in expanding and improving commerce throughout the Far East.

The report recommended that ECAFE countries seek the aid of the United Nations technical assistance programme, American technical aid, or that offered under the Colombo Development Plan to implement courses for training expert salesmen.

The conference agreed that the slashing of red tape and speeding up of visas for business would stimulate trade. Recommendations for improving trade machinery included fuller marketing and distribution of reports, the establishment of regional trade directories and the staging of more fairs and exhibitions with a permanent exposition of commercial products of countries in the ECAFE region.

The conference said the possibility should be explored of holding meetings of government trade representatives to iron out commercial problems and to afford all countries overseas trade representation.

The conference also recommended that an ECAFE secretariat with headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand, to assist the member-governments by undertaking commodity studies to assess the possibilities of creating new markets.

TRADE CONTROLS

For expanding trade, the conference generally endorsed multilateral treaties as opposed to a bilateral plan advanced by Russia's delegation.

It declared efforts should be made to develop a convention for the simplifying of customs regulations and procedures in all countries.

The conference report said there seemed to be no possibility of totally abolishing trade and exchange controls, but it urged the governments to cut paper work.

It also recommended the strengthening of national arbitration associations to handle trade disputes.

The conference suggested that the member-nations speed their own capital development and freely exchange information on supply and demand for goods and wherever possible try new sources to import what they need.

Philippine delegate S. R. Arandino invited the ECAFE trade experts to hold their next conference in Manila.

Allocations Of Sulphur

Washington, Oct. 18. The International Materials Conference announced today worldwide allocations of sulphur for the fourth quarter of 1951.

The allocations, totalling 1,467,818 long tons, were recommended by the IMC Committee and were accepted by all governments represented on the Committee except Brazil.

They compare with fourth quarter allocations last year of 1,415,400 long tons.

The import and export quotas were set this year at 278,500 long tons which compares with 260,400 last year.

Export quotas for the major countries:

United States 240,000 long tons, compared with 250,000 last year; Italy 15,000; Norway 18,500; and Mexico 5,000.—United Press.

BASIC WAGE INCREASE

Melbourne, Oct. 18. The average basic wage in Australia will be 28 sterling from the first pay period in November under a quarterly cost of living increase announced today by the Federal Arbitration Court.

The increases will add an estimated £40 million sterling to the payroll of Australian workers. The basic wage is based on the cost of living for the previous three months as shown by figures gathered by Commonwealth statisticians from wages paid to all workers under State and Federal awards.

Originally the Corporation had pledged US\$425,000,000 but Britain used slightly less than US\$400 million.—Reuter.

Peru's Cotton Exports

Lima, Oct. 18. Peru's cotton exports in the first eight months of this year totalled 769,250 hundredweight against 787,201 in the same period of 1950, according to the Cotton Chamber of the United States.

Britain continued as the best customer, with 383,244 hundredweight from January to August this year against 340,407 in the same period of 1950. —Associated Press.

The Financial Times daily index of London stocks was 180.7—Associated Press.

United Press says the New York Stock market closed firmly after a last-minute pull-back. It closed out number gains in the individual groups.

New York, Oct. 18. Prices in the stocks and oil market closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:

Gas Steel, per bushel, F.O.B. Minneapolis, \$1.20.—United Press.

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(Our Own Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$384,630.10. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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Diversion Of Bowen Road Planned

When the new Bowen Road reservoir is completed, a part of the present Bowen Road will be diverted.

No less than 108,000 cubic yards of earth are to be excavated in the course of constructing the 20-foot reservoir and this will be used for filling in the two reentrants into the hillside above Kennedy Road.

The whole project is expected to be completed by March, 1953, by which time the filled-in culvert is expected to have settled sufficiently to permit a new road to be laid down.

It will run across the present culvert and thus motorists will be able to avoid manoeuvring three tricky bends.

At the moment, water comes from the two small service reservoirs which were built in 1931, as part of the Tytan scheme. The lower of the two has always been a reservoir, but the other was constructed as a slow sand filter, and converted to a service reservoir in 1926. Their combined capacity is only 1.12 million gallons, and the area which they are supposed to serve uses nearly three million gallons daily.

Two disused rapid gravity filters at present occupy the site where the new reservoir is to be. They were built in 1926 to cater for the increased area of Wanchai resulting from the "East Praya" reclamation scheme," but in 1949 the plant was dismantled and reinstated where the Eastern filters are situated at the junction of Tai Ping and Stubbs Road. All State.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reparations

Sir.—Your Correspondent "D.V.S." letter on Reparations in the China Mail of Oct. 16th, demanding a levy on land assignments during the Occupation, is certainly written in the right spirit but runs some risk of confusing the issue. To call a claim against Japan a practical joke is absurd, not to mention the insinuation against the public-spirited civic leaders who have taken the lead on this question.

It is quite clear that until the UK Government officially informs the Japanese Government that it has renounced reparations, the right to claim reparations remains with the UK Government. As the Japanese Government did not exist as a party capable of negotiation until the signing of the Peace Treaty a month ago it may be assumed this right still remains. A view expressed by the local Council four years ago, when the Japanese Government did not exist, in no way invalidates that right.

As regards the amount claimed as reparations, the recovery of HK\$75,000,000 by way of a tax on assignments, whilst a welcome contribution, would go a small way to meet HK's 1947 reparations claims of HK\$600,000,000. Moreover the claims were largely based on pre-war values, as requested of claimants by the Hongkong Government, and will certainly be greatly enlarged when we present our claims afresh, although at five times that figure they would still be in proportion half the Philippines' claims, as emphasised by various speakers including myself at the public meeting last Saturday.

G. S. KENNEDY-SKIPTON.

Sanctity Of Private Property

Sir.—Those who are opposed to better treatment of underpaid teachers insist that any raising of poor tutors' salaries would be violating the sanctity of private property rights. Likewise those who are opposed to confiscation or heavy taxation of Occupation Land Deals hold that such measures are against the sanctity of private property rights. Your correspondent, Chan On, went as far as to uphold and bless those who made good under the Mikado! Banzai! And Amen!

Even Adam Smith, father of economic individualism, told us that Government intervention of certain institutions is necessary and justifiable. Those exertions of the natural liberty of a few individuals, which endanger the security of the whole of society, are and ought to be, restrained by the laws of all governments" (Wealth of Nations Bk. 2, chap. 2). Smith further pointed out that in Asia and in "Mahometan" countries 20% taxation on the land was prevalent (Bk. V, chap. 2). Modern Economists have all held the sanctity of private property, even acquired property, can be limited by the State through taxation, eminent domain and requisition, fines, forfeits and escheats.

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In mitigation, Mr Wright said his defendant was a married woman and had two children, both of whom were young and had not finished their schooling. The conviction, he said, was a grave distress, and would result in automatic dismissal of the defendant from her job.

The Magistrate said he would take a lenient view, and gave Wong the option of fine.

The defendant was not a Hongkong-registered doctor. Under Government contract, she was not to practice privately, the Prosecution stated.

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